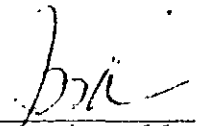


LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 1984

GEORGE N. GRAY  
CHAIRMAN

New Orleans, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

October 9, 1984

Chairman George N. Gray, presiding:

Members present:

Dr. Jack Cappel  
Mr. Lyle Crain  
Mr. James Farrelly  
Mr. Dale Vinet  
Mr. Joe Palmisano, Jr.  
Mr. Mark Roberts

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by Chairman George Gray, on Tuesday, October 9, 1984 at 10:00 AM at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans.

A roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Vinet, seconded by Mr. Farrelly, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of September 11, 1984.

Ray Montet gave the monthly enforcement report for the month of August at Monday's meeting.

Harry Schafer presented the Survey Section Report for the period of September 10-September 27, 1984. During that time field activity consisted of 118 scheduled surveys, 75 were surveyed. Thirty-three (33) applicants were unable to be surveyed due to bad weather and low tide. Ten (10) applicants failed to appear for survey. Office activity consisted of selling 420 tonnage licenses and 289 dredging licenses. Ten leases were issued.

Harry Schafer also recommended to the Commission that they accept the ratification of additional acres for Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation which was approved at the July 10, 1984 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Cappel, and passed unanimously, to accept ratification.

Mr. Schafer recommended to the Commission that they accept the ratification of the reinstatement of oyster applications cancelled because of failure to have surveyed as approved at the October 12, 1983 meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Cappel, seconded by Mr. Farrelly, and passed unanimously, to accept ratification.

Mr. Schafer recommended to the Commission that they accept the ratification of the 1984-85 oyster season in Calcasieu Lake. This was approved by resolution at the July 10, 1984 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Vinet, and passed unanimously, to accept the ratification.

Louise Keko thanked the Commission for their efforts in getting the oyster applications reinstated.

Joe Herring presented a resolution to correct deer season dates in Area 1, Washington and St. Tammany Parishes, page 7 of the Louisiana Hunting, Fishing and Motorboat Regulations 1984-85.

(The full text of the resolution  
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, there is an error in the 1984-85 Hunting Regulations pamphlet pertaining to the deer season dates for Area 1 in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes, and

WHEREAS, this error conflicts with the correct Area 1 deer hunting schedule, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes the following still hunting dates for Area 1 in portions of St. Tammany and Washington Parishes as described below:

Thirty-two days

November 10-18 and December 29 to January 20, 1985

East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. ALSO that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U. S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to La. 22.

A motion was made by Mr. Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Cappel, and passed unanimously, to accept this resolution.

Mr. Herring also presented resolutions pertaining to the proposed Kisatchie National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and a Commission position statement (attached) on recommendations for increased wildlife consideration on the Red Dirt and Catahoula National Wildlife Management Preserves.

Dr. Cappel made a motion that the Commission adopt the resolution on the wildlife resources Kisatchie National Forest and the position statement. It was requested that the Commission have a unanimous consent on this vote.

(The full text of the resolution  
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service, Kisatchie National Forest, consisting of approximately 600,000 acres in central and north Louisiana, is in the process of revising its fifty year Land and Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, current laws (Public Law 86-517, Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act of 1960) mandate that all forest resources be managed for the needs of the American people and not necessarily the combination of uses that will give the greatest dollar return or the greatest unit output; and

WHEREAS, the timber resource has, in the past, always received an inordinate amount of favorable management consideration; and

WHEREAS, wildlife habitat and recreation have been severely impacted by past and present forest management practices, including excessive timber harvests, excessive size of clearcuts, elimination of hardwoods in pine-mixed hardwood stands, clearcutting in streambottom hardwoods, excessive and destructive grazing by domestic livestock, and excessive road construction; and

WHEREAS, the demand for wildlife and recreation has greatly increased in the fact of accelerated landclearing for agriculture and intensive pine management by the private sector; and

WHEREAS, wildlife and recreation needs for the future will be largely dependent upon public lands; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission request the U. S. Forest Service and the Kisatchie National Forest to more favorably consider the enhancement of wildlife habitat and recreation as a primary goal of management in conjunction with the reasonable management of other forest resources.

Mr. Farrelly made a motion that the Commission adopt the resolution on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, seconded by Dr. Cappel, and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution  
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the largest owner of public recreational forest lands in Louisiana is the U. S. Forest Service, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service is in the process of developing a 50 year forest management plan that will affect substantially the ability of these areas to produce wildlife resources, and

WHEREAS, the private forest lands in Louisiana are diminishing in availability for public use and productivity of wildlife resources, and

WHEREAS, the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves were designated as special forest lands to be managed specifically for wildlife in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission unanimously adopts the position statement regarding forest management practices on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.

Johnnie Tarver recommended to the Commission that they ratify the 1984-85 Trapping Season which was passed at the August 7, 1984 meeting. Dr. Cappel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Farrelly, and passed unanimously, to approve the final ratification of the 1984-85 trapping season.

Mr. Vinet made a motion to have the January meeting in Baton Rouge on the 14th and 15th, seconded by Mr. Farrelly, and passed unanimously.

Corky Perret gave a brief update on the shrimp season and Secretary Angelle mentioned that it was budget time and we would be having meetings concerning this. He also mentioned that for the next three months representatives from the Wildlife Management Institute will be meeting with Department employees.

Mr. Gray adjourned the meeting.

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

POSITION STATEMENT

on

FOREST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT - CATAHOULA AND RED DIRT  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVES, KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

The Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, consisting of approximately 76,000 acres in central Louisiana, were so designated in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Because of this designation, we feel it mandates that the wildlife resource be given a very high priority in management of these public lands.

Specific forest management recommendations for enhancing the wildlife resource on these two special areas follows:

1. Separate management plans for each area should be formulated with the enhancement of wildlife habitat and recreation as the primary goal.
2. Suitable timber stands should be managed as pine-mixed hardwoods. Single tree selection and shelterwood regeneration systems should be used in these mixed stands.
3. Cease timber stand conversion from hardwood to pine and manage presently converted stands back to hardwoods.
4. Manage all streambottom hardwoods as key wildlife areas using small group selection regeneration areas.
5. Regenerate pine stands by clearcutting, but recommend 80 year rotation and generation areas not to exceed 20 acres.
6. Refrain from using chemicals which might have detrimental effects on the environment.
7. Effectively distribute prescribed burning acreage in blocks not to exceed 160 acres and burn suitable stands on a 3 year cycle.
8. Maintain a "no grazing by domestic livestock" policy on the two Preserves.
9. Reevaluate the present road systems in the Preserves, retaining only those which are needed for resource management purposes.
10. Provide at least one professional wildlife biologist on each Preserve to coordinate wildlife habitat management.
11. Protect and enhance endangered species and their habitat.
12. Adequately harvest game species to maintain thriving, healthy populations in balance with their habitat.